

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP
COUNTY COUNCIL MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING
May 25, 2011 9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Chairman J. Matthew Rivers, Vice-Chair Lenora V. Powe, Council Members: Gerald L. Miller, G. Franklin Plyler, Robert G. Cole, Kenneth A. Johnson, Crawford Moore and Bruce E. Rivers. Also present at the meeting were Susie Boswell – Clerk to Council, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, Denise Douglass – Interim Administrator, C. Heath Ruffner - County Attorney, Dr. Ron Bartley - NETC, Sheriff Sam Parker, Major James Dixon – Chesterfield County Sheriff’s Department, Crystal Morphis - Sanford Holshouser Economic Development Consulting, Rick Kiernan - Convergent Non-profit Solutions and Brenda Workman - Director of CCED. There were others present who did not sign the sign-in sheet.

ABSENT:
Council Member Douglas A. Curtis

CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers welcomed everyone and asked Council Member Plyler to open the meeting with prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Cole made a motion to adopt the May 25, 2011 Special Meeting and Budget Workshop Agenda. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. Strategic Plan Update – Brenda Workman

Brenda Workman, Director, Economic Development introduced Ms. Crystal Morphis with Sanford Holshouser Economic Development Consulting. Ms. Morphis gave Council an overview and an update of the Strategic Plan.

b. Public Private Partnership Update – Brenda Workman

Rick Kiernan with Convergent Non-profit Solutions appeared before Council and presented Council with an overview and an update on the Public Private Partnership.

Chairman Rivers asked that the Public Private Partnership be forwarded to the Finance Committee and that they work with Rick Kiernan, Convergent Non-profit Solutions, Crystal Morphis, Sanford Holshouser Economic Development Consulting and Brenda Workman, Director of CCED on this matter.

2011/2012 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Council entered into a workshop for the 2011/2012 fiscal year General Fund Operations, Pass-through Fund, E911 Fund, Victim's Advocate Fund and Capital Equipment Fund Budgets.

Interim Administrator Denise Douglass presented Council with four proposals for the 2011/2012 General Fund Budget and stated that there is a 1.2 million deficit in the proposed budget which is caused by a reduction in revenue and not an increase in spending and that we had lost more of our local government fund. She stated that her three goals for this year were: 1) Pay bills on time 2) Continue to make payroll 3) Begin building a Reserve.

Discussion was made regarding the possibility of a large increase in the cost of garbage removal service for county housing and businesses. This proposal was rejected by Council at this time.

There was also discussion made on a change in county cell phone policies that is expected to save \$20,000.00. There was also discussion on a property tax increase that would equate to an additional \$5.32 on a \$100,000 piece of property.

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers stated that the County gives the Solicitor's Office \$60,000.00 and is paying \$32,000.00 for a local Legislative Office. He questioned if larger county cuts to state agencies could be made in order to force the state to better fund the positions.

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers stated that a follow up needed to be done on the Wal-Mart Fee-in-Lieu Agreement.

Sheriff Sam Parker addressed Council regarding cuts to his department's budget. He stated that his personnel is already under paid and some have gone to work for municipal police departments for higher wages. He stated that a large part of his operating costs are covered by federal money and from property (drug money) rather than from the county tax dollars. He stated that many of his officers are not paid by county funds, including those who patrol the Jefferson area and those who work in the schools. He also stated that there was a misunderstanding about some of his department's equipment like the helicopter and armored personnel carrier. He stated those items were given to his department and the cost to the county was zero. He stated that he would give the county the \$135,000 for federal prisoners if the county would continue to pay all his bills.

Chairman Rivers told Sheriff Sam Parker that as the largest department, the Sheriff's Department would likely suffer the largest budget reduction. Chairman Rivers stated that the Sheriff's budget is naturally the largest and that means if there is going to be cuts his department would have the largest cuts. Chairman Rivers said that he was only pointing out the inevitable and that he would hope his honesty would be appreciated.

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Wal-Mart Fee-in-lieu Amended Ordinance – 2nd Reading

Council Member Cole made a motion to pass 2nd Reading. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

b. 2011/2012 Alligator RFD Budget Ordinance – 2nd Reading

Council Member Plyler made a motion to pass 2nd Reading. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

c. 2011/2012 Cash RFD Budget Ordinance – 2nd Reading

Council Member Powe made a motion to pass 2nd Reading. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

d. 2011-2012 Harris Creek RFD Budget Ordinance – 2nd Reading

Council Member Plyler made a motion to pass 2nd Reading. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

e. 2011-2012 General Fund Operations Budget – 2nd Reading

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to pass second reading on the 2011/2012 General Fund Operating Budget to include raising the Reserve millage by 7 mills and reducing the Debt-Service Millage by 3.05 mills and also deleting the shortfall millage of 3.95 mills. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Council Members Moore, Plyler, Powe, Cole and Miller voted in favor of the motion. Council Member Johnson voted against the motion. The motion passed.

f. 2010-2011 GF Amended Budget – 1st Reading (*title only*)

Council Member Moore made a motion to pass 1st Reading (*title only*). Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council did not enter into Executive Session

ADJOURN

Council Member Moore made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

J. MATTHEW RIVERS, CHAIRMAN

SUSIE BOSWELL
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DATE: _____